

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Including but not limited to motions to reconsider items, if any, from the previous Regular Meeting)

(19-236) Communication from Councilman Montelongo with a Request to APPROVE the Following:

- A) ADOPT an ORDINANCE Amending the CITY OF PEORIA 2019 REVISED ANNUAL BUDGET Relating to the Use of the General Fund Balance to Provide Funding to Subsidize the Discount on the Purchase of RING SECURITY EQUIPMENT in the Amount of \$50,000.00;**
- B) A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT with RING to Subsidize the Discount on the Purchase of RING Security Equipment, with a 50/50 Contribution from RING and the City of Peoria in an Amount Up to \$50,000.00 Each.**

Council Member Montelongo said the proposal was for the City of Peoria to participate in a subsidy program with RING for the residents in the City of Peoria. He said RING sold an electronic security doorbell that was equipped with a video camera and he said it operated when somebody rang the doorbell or when there was motion in the front yard. He said the video data could then be retrieved at a later date. He said the resident would be able to converse with the person ringing the doorbell from their smart phone, no matter where they were. He said the doorbell would also be equipped with an app called Neighbors that would allow citizens to share videos or information with their neighbors and he said it gave citizens up-to-date crime updates. He said this subsidy would allow citizens of the City of Peoria to purchase a RING system of \$200, for about \$100 after the City of Peoria and RING contributed \$50 each. He said video storage would cost the resident \$3/month or \$30 for the year. He said RING would come to Peoria for a one-day event and he said residents would have to attend the event with several forms of I.D. to show residency in the City of Peoria. He said the citizens could also register the camera with the City of Peoria at that time, but that it wouldn't be required. He reiterated that if a camera was registered with the City of Peoria, the City would still not have access to the video, unless permission was given. He explained that burglary and residential break-ins were a community worry and from January 1, 2019, to June 30, 2019, there were 732 of these types of burglaries or attempts in the City of Peoria.

Council Member Montelongo moved to adopt an Ordinance amending the City of Peoria 2019 Revised Annual Budget relating to the use of the general fund balance to provide funding to subsidize the discount on the purchase of RING security equipment in the amount of \$50,000.00; seconded by Council Member Ruckriegel.

In response to Council Member Moore, Council Member Montelongo said that the equipment ranged from \$189-\$200 and that the product was self-installed.

Council Member Moore expressed her concerns on the wording of the agreement regarding citizens permission for the City to have access to the videos. Senior Attorney Chrissie Peterson explained that the Police Department did have a separate agreement with RING for them to access what the citizens shared in the neighborhood app but felt, in this contract, the City could not have immediate access to the video footage unless the citizen was willing to provide that footage.

Discussion was held about various contract concerns.

Council Member Moore expressed her concern on the equality of a one-day event and suggested that the \$50,000 be broken up by district. Mayor Ardis said he would be surprised to see the \$50,000 expended in one day and he suggested making sure the one-day event was well publicized. Council Member Moore said she would like more information regarding the one-day event before she could support the item.

Council Member Ali said she supported the item and supported the idea of having more cameras throughout the neighborhoods. She expressed a concern on the sole-source aspect and suggested there were other products offering similar services. She said she felt there were some pros and cons regarding this product. She said she supported having a multi-day event.

Council Member Cyr said he supported the project and said he agreed that it would be nice to have a five-day event or at least have five locations during the one-day event.

Discussion was held regarding what could be done if the full \$50,000.00 wasn't spent and whether other companies could have access to the funds for other programs. Council Member Moore suggested an amendment that would allow any remaining money, from the \$50,000.00 contributed by the City, to be made available to the citizens for other services. Council Member Montelongo suggested, due to this being a pilot program, waiting to see how the program with RING worked and suggested that if the program was successful, other programs could be reviewed at another time.

Council Member Ruckriegel expressed his support for the item and thanked Council Member Montelongo for his efforts. He said the \$50,000.00 the City was contributing was being leveraged to a \$100,000.00 to benefit the citizens.

Council Member Ali spoke of her support of the language requiring citizen permission for the City to view or obtain video footage from the security equipment. She asked if there was a crime and somebody had a video that may help, would there be a way for the City to obtain that video. Senior Attorney Peterson said the City could seek a warrant for the video.

ORDINANCE NO. 17,701 amending the City of Peoria 2019 Revised Annual Budget relating to the use of the general fund balance to provide funding to subsidize the discount on the purchase of RING security equipment in the amount of \$50,000.00 was adopted by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

Council Member Montelongo moved to approve a sole source contract with RING to subsidize the discount on the purchase of RING security equipment, with a 50/50 contribution from RING and the City of Peoria in an amount up to \$50,000.00 each; seconded by Council Member Kelly.

Mayor Ardis spoke on the concerns expressed on the floor and requested that the date and location for this event be advertised well to increase the opportunity for success. He thanked Council Member Montelongo for his work on the project.

In response to Council Member Ruckriegel, Council Member Montelongo said homeowners and renters could participate and said businesses were excluded at this time.

In response to Council Member Moore, Assistant City Manager Roethler said RING suggested that the event be held in connection with another community event to get strong attendance.

She suggested more discussion between departments to get event ideas and also more discussion with RING on the possibility of multi-day events. She said RING partnered with the City to assist in promotion and she said there were guidelines in the contract for promotion.

Motion to approve a sole source contract with RING to subsidize the discount on the purchase of RING security equipment, with a 50/50 contribution from RING and the City of Peoria in an amount up to \$50,000.00 each was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ali, Cyr, Grayeb, Jensen, Kelly, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggensbach, Ruckriegel, Mayor Ardis - 11;

Nays: None.

ICE Enforcement

Council Member Jensen asked if the Police Department had been contacted by ICE. Police Chief Marion said that the Police Department had not been contacted. Council Member Jensen requested an update be provided if ICE did contact the Police Department to enforce ICE warrants.

NEW BUSINESS

Dream Center Peoria

Council Member Riggensbach wanted to bring awareness to Mission Peoria 2019. He said he was spending the week with 300 students who would be doing projects throughout the City. He recognized the young people for stepping up to the plate and he said he wanted to recognize these young people and the efforts they were doing.

First District Events

Council Member Moore wanted to note events happening in the First District including the Hispanic festival, Fiesta en el Rio, on Saturday, July 27, 2019, at the Riverfront. She said there would also be a Ride for a Safer Tomorrow event held by Shaun Livingston and she said that would start at the Romain Arts and Culture Center, 919 N.E. Jefferson, Peoria, IL. She said Carl Holloway was having an event at Glen Oak Park to engage the youth to show support of things they are involved with. She encouraged everyone to visit Enjoy Peoria www.peoria.org/events and also the Peoria Park District www.peoriaparks.org to find information on events in the community.

Retail Chains

Council Member Jensen spoke of her concern regarding national retail chains closing around the country and she asked what the City's plan was for outreach with the local chains to ensure they would remain in Peoria. She said she would like to see the City put forth whatever efforts they could to keep retail in the City. She asked for a report back on the plan.

Non-Owner Occupied Property

Council Member Jensen said she had attended meetings regarding non-owner occupied property and that an issue existed regarding when the property owners were required to register. She suggested changing the process to require registration of the property at time of closing and requested that this issue be brought back to the Council.

Midstate College

Council Member Ali said she wanted to recognize Midstate College for being in the area for over 130 years and she said she was disheartened to learn they were closing their doors. She requested they be recognized with a proclamation or acknowledgment. She said they have had great leadership over the years and she expressed her appreciation for Midstate College.